

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, August 4, 2009

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present was Michelle Haacke (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to include signage and Courthouse repairs and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Sheriff Curt Younker presented the annual federal forfeiture report. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to authorize the Chair to sign the report. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk a request from a county resident about having livestock within a certain distance to a city limit. County Attorney stated that a nuisance can't be created and recommended that the resident contact his attorney before proceeding.

County Engineer Jim Hyde stated that the Secondary Roads department is doing routine work. Also present was Assistant Engineer Rich Brumm. Jim reported that the paving work has begun on the Burr Oak road and the rock run has restarted.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve V & K Invoices #4 & #14 in the amount of \$7,987.20 for professional services for the Carpenter wastewater improvement project. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the July 28th meeting with changes. Roll call vote: All ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve contributing \$750 to the annual Carpenter BBQ Bash. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Walk reported on the RC&D meeting.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to authorize the Chair to sign the certificate of appointment for Hilary Altick as a PT-10 Jailer. Her date of hire is July 30, 2009 and her starting rate of pay is \$15.30 per hour. Roll call vote: all ayes.

It was reported that the cement that was poured last Fall on the north of side of the Jail is scaling. This will be discussed further at the next Board meeting.

Supervisor Walk reported that the St. Ansgar Chamber of Commerce is requesting financial assistance with repainting the St. Ansgar sign that is located at the intersection of Hwy. 9 and Foothill Ave. Estimated cost is \$800.00. After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to contribute \$400 towards the repainting of the sign. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Voaklander gave an update on repairs to the Recorder's office.

At 10:00 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing on the proposed amended and restated Mitchell County UR-2 Economic Development District Urban Renewal Plan. Public present were: Deo Koenigs, Joan Koenigs, Betty McCarthy, Ted Fox, Don Hendrickson, Assessor L. Dean Pohren, Deputy Auditor Barb Baldwin and County Attorney Mark Walk. The Chair asked for comments from the public. Betty inquired about eminent domain in regards to the number of wind turbines and is opposed to the indefinite time of the TIF. Supervisor Walk reported that the County is not going to purchase land for economic development in the present TIF document. The County Attorney stated that the TIF is for twenty years. The money received thru the original TIF will be used for road projects and can't be used for any new projects that weren't in the original plan. County Attorney also gave an explanation of how this process started. Deo read a prepared statement where he stated that he is not here to oppose the amendment, simply to suggest an amendment to the amendment. His objective is to present a different plan, for at least some discussion and comparison. Deo proposes that the BOS would simply sunset the TIF district when the bonds for the road project are paid. Betty stated that if the Board hadn't done it this way, then the County couldn't have paved these roads. To fix the roads property taxes would have to be raised substantially. Betty also stated that an addendum should be added to sunset the TIF and once there is no more debt then the TIF is dissolved. Supervisor Walk stated state law does not allow a present Board of Supervisors to place restrictions on a future Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Walk reviewed his current tax statement and stated that a Rural TIF tremendously benefits the rural taxpayers. Also discussed was State aid for the County public schools, population figures and taxing the wind companies. The public hearing was closed at 11:18 a.m.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve Resolution #756-09 a resolution determining an area of the county to be an Economic Development Area, and that the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, development, or a combination thereof, of such area is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the county; designating such area as appropriate for an Urban Renewal project; and adopting amended and restated Mitchell County UR-2 Economic Development District Urban Renewal Plan thereof. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Gary Stephenson showed the Board two samples of framed Constitution lithograph's that he is attempting to have donated to every Iowa county. He has 34 donated so far. The print would be presented to the Board by local American Legion and VFW Posts. This is to honor all veterans. The total price is \$600. Gary is asking for a \$60 donation from ten local businesses or individuals. Gary requested the permission of the Board to accept a print on behalf of the veteran's. Consensus of the Board to approve the request.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Bob Marreel – Chair Board of Supervisors

